

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Orders 11988 & 11990
Proposed Building Elevations
Lincoln Park Borough and Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) to provide federal funding to the Township of Pequannock and Borough of Lincoln Park as subrecipients for the proposed elevation of 31 residential structures in total (25 as first choices with 6 alternate selected sites) through the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program. The purpose of the FMA Grant Program is to reduce or eliminate claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management), EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), Federal Coastal Zone Management Act, and 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988-11990.

The proposed scope of work consists of elevating flood prone homes in compliance with local floodplain ordinances, NFIP Standards in 44 CFR Part 60, and the American Society of Civil Engineers Flood Resistant Design & Construction standards (ASCE 24-14) or the latest edition. In accordance with those standards, the residential structures will be elevated to the base flood elevation (BFE), as indicated by best available flood map data, plus at least three (3) feet of freeboard.

This action would take place within the 100-year floodplain, including the floodway; additionally, 15 properties intersect wetlands. Alternatives considered include: 1) taking no action 2) acquiring and demolishing the homes or, 3) the proposed alternative, which is elevating at their current locations. FEMA has determined that elevating the structures is the most practicable alternative to ensure that the homes and their occupants are out of harm's way. FEMA has also determined that investment of funds to reduce flood risk is in the public interest. Potential impacts to water quality or aquatic habitat are anticipated to be temporary during construction, and minimized through best management practices and conservation measures incorporated from resource agency recommendations and required regulatory permits.

Comments about this project, potential alternatives, and floodplain impacts may be submitted in writing within 15 days of the date of this publication to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region II – Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, Mitigation Division, One World Trade Center, Suite 53, New York, NY 10007 or via email to FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov. If substantive comments are received, FEMA will evaluate and address the comments as part of the environmental documentation for this project.